



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** CajunBot was one of only 13 elite finalists that competed for a \$1 million prize in the Grand Challenge held in March 2004 by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency of the U.S. Department of Defense; and

**WHEREAS,** CajunBot is an innovative autonomous ground vehicle, developed by the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, that is capable of navigating on its own; and

**WHEREAS,** it is guided by software that utilizes Global Positioning System Technology and by lasers that survey terrain to detect obstacles; and

**WHEREAS,** CajunBot represents the extraordinary research capabilities of higher education in Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS,** the creation of CajunBot was supported by many individuals and businesses across Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS,** technological advances made by vehicles such as CajunBot could be adapted by the U.S. military to produce unmanned ground combat forces that could reduce the number of human troops on the battlefield; and

**WHEREAS,** robotics technology developed for CajunBot could have applications in businesses and industry, spurring economic development and creating new jobs for graduates of Louisiana's colleges and universities; and

**WHEREAS,** CajunBot has already qualified to compete in DARPA's Grand Challenge in 2005.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the state of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim June 2, 2004, as

### CAJUNBOT DAY

in the state of Louisiana.



*Attest By  
The Governor*

*[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]*  
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set  
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the  
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the  
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this  
the 27th day of May  
A.D., 2004.*

*[Signature of Kathleen Babineaux Blanco]*  
Governor of Louisiana